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1.VPS RECEIVED COPY REFTTEL FEB. 25. PROGRAM STAFF EXAMINED AND DISCUSSED IT AND VPS RECOMMENDS FOLLOWING FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

2.THERE ARE TOO MANY CITIES IN THE PROPOSED ITINERARY FOR THIS GROUP TO COVER IN THE 21 OR 22 DAYS AVAILABLE. IN ADDITION, SOME OF THE SUBSTANTIVE REQUESTS ARE NOT REALISTIC AND PROBABLY NOT ATTAINABLE. THEREFORE WE RECOMMEND AS FOLLOWS:

-- ARRIVE WASHINGTON, D.C. SATURDAY, MARCH 6. WE WILL USE SUNDAY MARCH 7 FOR SIGHTSEEING AND ORIENTATION AND WE WILL ENDEAVOR TO PROVIDE A SOLID WASHINGTON PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES REQUESTED, MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY NOON.

-- THURSDAY, MARCH 11 P.M. FLY TO SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS. SPRINGFIELD IS A RELATIVELY SMALL CITY IN AN AGRICULTURAL AREA AND IS THE CAPITAL OF ILLINOIS. OBSERVE PRIMARY CAM-
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PAIGNING, SOME TOURISM IF DESIRED (LINCOLN COUNTRY, ETC),

HOME HOSPITALITY AND POSSIBLE FARM VISIT IF DESIRED.

-- SUNDAY, MARCH 14 - TRAVEL TO CHICAGO. TUESDAY, MARCH 16 OBSERVE CHICAGO BALLOTING AND MEDIA ACTIVITIES.

-- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17 A.M. POST MORTEM ON ILLINOIS PRIMARY INCLUDING INTERPRETATION AND ANALYSIS. P.M. FLY TO CALIFORNIA.

-- GROUP SHOULD AGREE ON ONE CALIFORNIA CITY. WE SUGGEST EITHER LOS ANGELES OR SAN FRANCISCO, AND WE DO RECOMMEND THAT SAN FRANCISCO WILL PROBABLY PROVIDE A BETTER PROGRAM FOR THIS GROUP. PLEASE NOTE GOVERNOR BROWN HAS DECLINED TO SEE FOREIGN VISITORS, HOWEVER, GOOD SOLID SUBSTANTIVE PROGRAM WITH SOME TIME FOR TOURISM AND HOME HOSPITALITY IS POSSIBLE IN EITHER SAN FRANCISCO OR LOS ANGELES.

-- SUNDAY MARCH 21 TRAVEL TO EASTERN U.S. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE GROUP AGREE ON ANY TWO OUT OF THE THREE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS: BOSTON, NEW YORK, SAN JUAN P.R. IF THE GROUP OPTS FOR SAN JUAN THEY WILL TRAVEL THERE ON SUNDAY 21ST AND PROCEED TO EITHER BOSTON OR NEW YORK ON WEDNESDAY, 24TH AND DEPART FOR MADRID THE EVENING OF THE 27TH. IF THEY OPT TO DROP PUERTO RICO THEY WILL TRAVEL TO BOSTON ON SUNDAY, 21ST, AND TO NEW YORK ON WEDNESDAY 24TH.

3.WE URGE EARLY CONSULTATION AND AGREEMENT ON ITINERARY.

4.GRANT FISCAL DATA FOR CRESPO ONETO AND PI IS: 1961128.4-1069-620220-1906-210-4100-27011. GRANT AUTHORIZES EACH PARTICIPANT ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL AIR MADRID/WASH/MADRID; 25 LBS EXCESS BAGGAGE ON RETURN; 35 DOLLARS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL ALLOWANCE TO BE PAID BY POST PRIOR DEPARTURE. PROTELL GRANT DATA IS: 1961128.4-1069-620219-1906-210-4100-27011. ENTITLEMENTS ARE SAME WITH EXCEPTION OF ADDITIONAL 80 DOLLARS ORIENTATION PER DIEM FOR PRE-DEPARTURE MEETING IN MADRID AND ADDITIONAL AIR FARE BILBAO/MADRID/BILBAO TO BE PAID BY POST. INGERSOLL

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